ander rode forward to advertise the Earl, his brother, of the King's coming, TV ho was at that time sitting in the midst of his dinner Immediately therefore he rose from the board and warned all his servants and friends to accompany him to meet his Majesty, being in number three or four score, but the King's train did not exceed fifteen persons, without any kind of armour except swords

After coming to the Earl's lodging the King stayed an hour before his dinner came in, the longsomeness of preparing and the badness of the cheer being excused upon the sudden coming of his Majesty unlocked for there During this time the King enquired of Mr Alexander when it was time to go to that private house , who answered all was sure enough and that there was no haste until his Majesty had dined at leisure Moreover he prayed the King not to be seen to round with him before his brother, who might suspect what the matter should mean The King therefore addressed himself to the Earl of Gowry and discoursed with him upon sundry matters, but could get no direct answers out of him, save half words and imperfect sentences

Then the King sat down to his dinner, and when he had almost dined, the Earl after the customed use conveyed the noblemen and gentlemen of the Court forth to their dinner, yet he sat not down with them himself, but came back and stood silent at the end of the King's table , which his Majesty perceiving began to entertain him in a homely manner, wondering he had not remained to dine with his guests and entertain them there

At length the King being ready to rise from dinner, Mr Alexander standing behind his back pulled

quietly upon him, rounding in his ear that it was time to go, but that he would fain be quit of the Earl his brother. Wherefore the King called for drink, and in a merry and homely manner said to the Earl that since he had forgotten to drink to his Majesty or sit with his guests and entertain them, he would drink to him his own welcome, desiring him to take it forth and drink to the rest of the company Whereupon as he went forth, the King rose from the table and accompanied Mr. Alexander, passing through the end of the hall where the noblemen and his servants were sitting at